

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	ORMAN ET AL.	Examiner:	S. GUCKER
Serial No.:	09/997,868	Group Art Unit:	1649
Filed:	NOVEMBER 28, 2001	Docket No.:	11669.103USW3
Confirmation No.:	6177	Customer No.:	23552
Title:	PROHORMONE CONVERTASE TRANSFORMED CELLS AND POLYPEPTIDE SYNTHESIS		

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

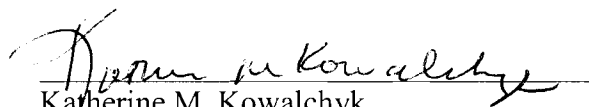
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 1-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed May 8, 2006, said period of response being extended from August 8, 2006 to September 8, 2006.

Our Deposit Account No. 13-2725 is being charged the amount of \$120.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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